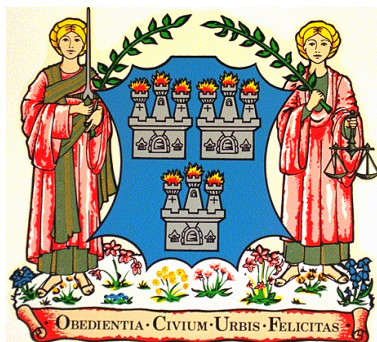


## COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniúl Míósúil a tionóladh ar 4 Deireadh Fómhair 2010 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.

**I Láthair an tArdmheara, An Comhairleoir Gerry Breen sa chathaoir.**

**Comhairleoir:**

Paddy Bourke  
Tom Brabazon  
Christy Burke  
Eric Byrne  
Julia Carmichael  
Aine Clancy  
Joan Collins  
Emer Costello  
Pat Crimmins  
Dessie Ellis  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Declan Flanagan  
Mannix Flynn  
Mary Freehill  
John Gallagher

**Comhairleoir:**

Deirdre Heney  
Kevin Humphreys  
Vincent Jackson  
Sean Kenny  
Dermot Lacey  
John Lyons  
Ray McAdam  
Paul McAuliffe  
Ruairí McGinley  
Séamas McGrattan  
Marie Metcalfe  
Louise Minihan  
Andrew Montague  
Rebecca Moynihan  
Eoghan Murphy  
Criona Ní Dhálaigh

**Comhairleoir**

Catherine Noone  
Jim O'Callaghan  
Aodhán Ó Ríordáin  
Damian O'Farrell  
Naoise O Muirí  
Claire O'Regan  
Mary O'Shea  
Larry O'Toole  
Maria Parodi  
Cieran Perry  
Oisín Quinn  
Nial Ring  
Brid Smith  
Bill Tormey  
Henry Upton  
Edie Wynne

**Oifigigh**

John Tierney  
Philip Maguire  
Frank Kelly  
Kathy Quinn

Michael Stubbs  
Frank Kelly  
Terence O'Keefe  
Vincent Norton

Martin Kavanagh  
Tim O'Sullivan  
Damian Drumm  
Elaine Fitzpatrick  
Oonagh Casey

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by congratulating Councillor Clare Byrne and her husband, Tony, on the birth of their daughter, Amber Emily. He also extended congratulation to Ms Mary Byrne from Ballyfermot on her success on the X-Factor TV show and the Dublin Ladies Senior Football Team on their recent success.
2. Ceisteanna fé Bhuan Ordú Uimhir 16 — It was moved by Councillor D Lacey and seconded by Councillor V Jackson "That Dublin City Council approves the Dublin City Manager answering the questions lodged". The motion having been put and carried, written answers to the questions lodged for the City Council meeting of the were issued. The Questions and Answers are set out in **Appendix A** attached.

3. Submitted Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 from Fingal County Council conveying the terms of a motion agreed at their July Meeting calling on Dublin City Council to include the twin ESB Poolbeg chimneys in the Record of Protected Structures - "This Council also calls on Dublin City Council to do everything in their power to protect these iconic structures and ensure that they remain a permanent fixture on the Docklands/Ringsend skyline". It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor D Lacey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of this letter". The motion was put and carried.
4. The minutes of the monthly meeting of the City Council held on the 6th September 2010 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010, having been printed, certified by the Meetings Administrator, circulated to the Members and taken as read, were signed by the Lord Mayor. Referring to Item 54 of the minutes of the monthly meeting of the City Council held on the 6th September 2010, in relation to the proposed closure of the swimming pool in Sean McDermott St, Councillor E Costello asked that it be placed on record that a group booking had in fact been received. Mr Philip Maguire, Assistant City Manager, apologised for the incorrect information that had been given to the Councillor on this occasion.
5. Submitted Monthly Financial Statement circulated in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001. It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That the Financial Statement be entered in the minutes". The motion was put and carried. The Financial Statement is set out in **Appendix B** to these minutes.
6. Submitted Report No. 329/2010 of the Director of Traffic/City Engineer (*M. Phillips*) – Draft Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2010. It was moved by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor L O'Toole "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 329/2010 and hereby resolves to make Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit Bye Laws 2010 as outlined in the report". The motion was put and carried.
7. Submitted Report No. 330/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - Deletion of 10, 11 and 12 Conyngham Road (with the exception of the front facades, boundary railings and entrance steps) from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Sections 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. It was proposed by Councillor V Jackson and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 330/2010 and approves the deletion of 10, 11 and 12 Conyngham Road (with the exception of the front facades, boundary railings and entrance steps) from the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000" The motion was put and carried.
8. Submitted Report No. 331/2010 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over laneway to the rear of 82-96 Ardcollum Avenue and 4-16 Maryfield Crescent, entrance/exit between 90 & 92 Ardcollum Avenue, Artane, Dublin 5. It was moved by Councillor L O'Toole and seconded by Lord Mayor Gerry Breen "That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 82-96 Ardcollum Avenue and 4-16 Maryfield Crescent, entrance/exit between 90 & 92 Ardcollum Avenue, Artane, Dublin 5, as shown on the attached Drawing No

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R.M. 25607, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.

9. Submitted Report No. 332/2010 of the Executive Manager (*C. Reilly*) – With reference to the proposed extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of 4-16 Maryfield Drive and 42-52 Kilmore Road, Dublin 5. It was moved by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor L O’Toole “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way over laneway to the rear of 4-16 Maryfield Drive and 42-52 Kilmore Road, Dublin 5, as shown on the attached Drawing No R.M. 25606, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
10. Submitted Report No. 355/2010 of the Area Manager (*C. Lowe*) – With reference to the proposal to extinguish the public right of way at 1-17 Coultrey Gardens (now demolished), Ballymun, Dublin 11. It was moved by Councillor B Tormey and seconded by Councillor D Ellis “That We, the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council, being the Roads Authority for the City of Dublin and being of the opinion that the Public Right of Way at 1-17 Coultrey Gardens (now demolished), Ballymun, Dublin 11, as shown on the attached Drawing No BRL 0303/2010, is no longer required for public use, extinguish the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993” The motion was put and carried.
11. Submitted Report No. 349/2010 of the Manager (*C. Dunne*) - With reference to the disposal of the fee simple interest under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No. 2) Act, 1978 in 20 premises. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 349/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
12. Submitted Report No. 333/2010 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*M. Kavanagh*) – With reference to the proposed exchange of a house at Greencastle Road, Coolock, Dublin 17 in return for a house at Buttercup Park, Darndale, Dublin 17. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 333/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
13. Submitted Report No. 334/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*P. Maguire*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of Balcurris Boys Hostel, Balcurris Road (fronting Balbutcher Lane North) to the Peter McVerry Trust Ltd, having its registered office at Peter McVerry Trust, Head Office, 29 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 334/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein” The motion was put and carried.
14. Submitted Report No. 337/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of 2 Coke Oven Cottages, Liffey Junction, Royal Canal Way, Dublin 7. The City Council agreed to refer this item back to the Central Area Committee for further consideration.

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15. Submitted Report No. 338/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the Ground Floor Annamore House, Canon Troy Court, Chapelizod, Dublin 20. The City Council agreed to refer this item back to the South Central Area Committee for further consideration.
16. Submitted Report No. 339/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of land to the rear of 4, Dromore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 339/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
17. Submitted Report No. 340/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With further reference to the granting of leases to the purchasers of private apartments at Fatima Mansions, Dublin 8 (Apartment 25, 29 James Walk, Rialto, Dublin 8). It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 340/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
18. Submitted Report No. 341/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of portions of land to the rear of Tolka Road, Dublin 3 to the owners of No. 4 and No. 6 Tolka Road, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 341/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
19. Submitted Report No. 342/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site for a substation at Tolka Valley View, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 342/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
20. Submitted Report No. 343/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a three year sublease in the premises known as Unit 3, Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 343/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
21. Submitted Report No. 344/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed surrender of a Lease and subsequent Grant of a Building Licence with Agreement for Lease and subsequent Grant of a Temporary Convenience Letting of the premises at 2A Wellmount Road, Finglas, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 344/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
22. Submitted Report No. 345/2010 of the Executive Manager (*D. Wallace*) - With reference to the proposed disposal of a site to the rear of 37 Croydon Park Avenue, Marino, Dublin 3. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 345/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.

23. Submitted Report No. 346/2010 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*M. Kavanagh*) - With further reference to the disposal of 1 affordable apartment at No. 6, 80 Reuben Street, Herberton, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 346/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
24. Submitted Report No. 347/2010 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*M. Kavanagh*) - With reference to the disposal of 15 apartments at Herberton, Rialto, Dublin 8. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 347/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
25. Submitted Report No. 348/2010 of the A/Assistant City Manager (*M. Kavanagh*) - With reference to the disposal of 9 apartments at Parkview, Poppintree, Dublin 11. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 348/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
26. Submitted Report No. 350/2010 of the Assistant City Manager (*M. Stubbs*) - With further reference to the proposed grant of a lease of the Old City Assembly Building, South William Street, Dublin 2. It was proposed by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh and seconded by Councillor B Tormey "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 350/2010 and assents to the proposal outlined therein" The motion was put and carried.
27. Submitted Report No. 335/2010 of the Chairperson of the Financial Development and General Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Killian Forde*) – Breviate of meeting held on 16th September 2010. It was proposed by Councillor T Brabazon and seconded by Councillor R McGinley "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 335/2010" The motion was put and carried.
28. Submitted Report No. 336/2010 of the Chairperson of the Environment and Engineering Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Naoise O Muiri*) – Breviate of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010. It was proposed by Councillor D Flanagan and seconded by Councillor E Wynne "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 336/2010" The motion was put and carried. Mr V Norton, Executive Manager, drew the Members' attention to Item 1 of this breviat and read the following motion into the record "*Dublin City Council (Environment and Engineering) SPC recommends to Council the adoption of the Plan for meeting the long term water needs of the Dublin Region as recommended by their consultants RPS-Veolia and publication of SEA statement as required by the SEA regulation*". He reminded Members that the web link to the plan had been circulated to them on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. The motion was then agreed by the City Council and the Plan-Water Supply Project, Dublin Region was declared to be adopted.
29. Submitted Report No. 327/2010 of the Chairperson of the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) – Breviate of meeting held on 9th September 2010. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor N Ring "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 327/2010" The motion was put and carried. Referring to Item 7 of the report, Councillor A Montague proposed that the name of this Strategic Policy Committee be changed to Transport and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee. The

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City Council agreed that the name Transport and Traffic be adopted and the Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committee Scheme be amended to reflect the name change.

30. At this time, the City Council agreed to take the following motion, standing in the name of Councillor B Tormey at Item 26 on the Agenda Paper, as it was on a related topic - "When the speed limit changes to 30 kph introduced in January on some inner city streets are reviewed at the City Council that the 30 kph limit is retained on the Liffey quays from Capel Street bridge junction to O'Connell Bridge junction. On the rest of the quays in addition to Winetavern Street and Kildare Street, the speed limit reverts to 50 kph and in association that a pedestrian shelf table be constructed at the Halfpenny Bridge to overtly prioritise pedestrians" The motion fell as it was directly opposed to item 4 of Report No 327/2010 and this report had been adopted by the City Council.
31. At this time, the City Council agreed to take the following motion, standing in the name of Councillor N Ring at Item 38 on the Agenda Paper, as it was on a related topic – "Having regard to the recent consultant's report on the College Green bus-gate and taking into account the negative effect of bus gate on DCC Parking income and city centre retail figures, that, in order to protect jobs and promote business in our City, this council agrees to the suspension of bus gate for the Christmas period and further agrees that Dublin City Council should provide free on-street parking for the same period" The motion was put to a vote and defeated.
32. Submitted Report No. 358/2010 of the Chairperson of the Transportation and Traffic Strategic Policy Committee (*Councillor Andrew Montague*) – Breviate of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by Councillor S Mc Grattan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 358/2010" The motion was put and carried.
33. Submitted Report No. 353/2010 of the North West Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Bill Tormey, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor B Tormey and seconded by Councillor D Ellis "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 353/2010" The motion was put and carried.
34. Submitted Report No. 357/2010 of the Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Aine Clancy, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor A Clancy and seconded by Councillor E Costello "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 357/2010" The motion was put and carried.
35. Submitted Report No. 351/2010 of the South Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Ruairi McGinley, Vice-Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor M O'Shea "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 351/2010" The motion was put and carried.
36. Submitted Report No. 328/2010 of the South East Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Eoghan Murphy, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor K Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J O'Callaghan "That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 328/2010" The motion was put and carried.

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37. Submitted Report No. 352/2010 of the North Central Area Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Sean Kenny, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor S Kenny and seconded by Councillor J Carmichael “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 352/2010” The motion was put and carried.
38. Submitted Report No. 326/2010 of the Protocol Committee – Breviate for the month of September 2010 – *Councillor Paddy Bourke, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor P Bourke and seconded by Councillor M Freehill “That Dublin City Council adopts Report No 326/2010” The motion was put and carried.
39. Submitted Report No. 354/2010 of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – *Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor C Burke and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 354/2010” The motion was put and carried.
40. Report No. 356/2010 of the South Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee – Breviate of Special Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 – *Councillor Ruairi McGinley, Chairperson*. It was proposed by Councillor R McGinley and seconded by Councillor C Ni Dhalaigh “That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 356 /2010” The motion was put and carried.
41. No Emergency Motions were taken.
42. It was proposed by Councillor D Heney and seconded by Councillor D Ellis “That this Council affirm our commitment to proper animal welfare procedures and calls on the Manager to organise a Council visit to the Dogs Trust Homing Centre in Coldwinters” The motion was put and carried.
43. It was proposed by Councillor C Perry and seconded by Councillor M Flynn “In light of the ban and phase-out closure of fur farms in Ireland, this Council calls for a ban on the importation and sale of real fur, in the jurisdiction of Dublin City Council” The motion was put and carried. It was further agreed that, in future, every effort would be made to ensure that no animal skins would be used or displayed in any event in which the City Council is involved.
44. It was proposed by Councillor B Smith and seconded by Councillor S McGrattan “Dublin City Council recognises the importance of the 1913 Lockout as key historical event for the people of the city and commits to appropriate celebration of this centenary event in 2013. The City Council will establish a sub-committee of Councillors as soon as possible to work with other already established fora in the trade unions and in the arts and commits itself financially to the commemoration of the lock out” The motion was put and carried. It was further agreed to refer the matter to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs Strategic Policy Committee.
45. It was proposed by Councillor M Flynn and seconded by Councillor L Minihan “To call on Dublin City Councillors and other elected representatives of the Dublin area to declare any gifts given by them to staff of Dublin City Council. That this be retrospective in a time frame of 2 years” The motion was put and defeated but the City Council agreed to request the Protocol Committee to bring forward guidelines in relation to gifts to staff.

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46. It was proposed by Councillor M Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor C Burke "To call on the City Manager to take a more proactive and stronger stance on the situation of those landlords who are responsible for a huge amount of rubbish and litter being left uncollected as they are not paying bin charges" The motion was put and carried.
47. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor A Clancy on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 32 on the Agenda Paper "That That the Manager will list the number of allotments and community gardens in the Dublin Central area and will give details of how to apply for an allotment; and will outline any future plans for the development of new allotments and communal gardens in Dublin Central" It was further agreed that a copy of this report would be sent to Councillors E Costello and J Collins.
48. The City Council agreed to refer the following motion standing in the name of Councillor M O'Shea at Item No 33 on the Agenda to the Traffic and Transport Strategic Policy Committee for consideration "That this City Council exercises the powers conferred on it pursuant to section 36(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1994 to immediately begin the process of enacting bye laws to designate parking spaces adjacent to charging points for electric cars as tariff free spaces to be used exclusively for the purpose of charging electric cars and for no other purpose"
49. It was proposed by Councillor A Montague and seconded by councillor R McAdam "That this Council acknowledges the need to install disability friendly equipment such as swings in all our playgrounds and that the Manager comes up with a plan and a timeframe for installing this equipment" The motion was put and carried.
50. The following motion standing at Item No 35 on the Agenda Paper in the name of Councillor K Forde was deemed to have fallen due to his absence from the Chamber "Dublin City Council agrees that candidate cities proposed for Twinning arrangements must have, as principles, a democratically body elected on the basis of universal suffrage, a secret ballot and the right of citizens to stand for elections and/or the right to join political parties. Any cities that cannot meet these basic principles would not be considered suitable to twin with Dublin"
51. It was proposed by Councillor E Costello and seconded by Councillor C Burke "That the decision made by Dublin City Council in relation to the employment of Regeneration Workers at O'Devaney Gardens and Croke Villas be reversed" The motion was put and carried.
52. The Lord Mayor vacated the chair at 9.13pm at which time his place was taken by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor E Wynne. The Lord Mayor resumed the chair at 9.25pm.
53. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor C Burke on the following motion standing in his name at Item No 37 on the Agenda Paper "This City Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection, Éamon Ó Cuív T.D. to provide funding to all community projects that run a very important service in all our communities i.e. "The After Schools Project " at 1, Portland Square, Dublin 1"
54. It was agreed that the City Manager would send a report to the Members of the City Council on the following motion standing at Item No 39 on the Agenda Paper "That City Manager report on legal avenues open to DCC and HSE in relation to

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operating Terenure car park in an orderly fashion and as to legal sanctions that may be taken against person disrupting car park operation”

55. The following motion submitted by the North Central Area Committee was proposed By Councillor D O’Farrell and seconded by Councillor D Heney “That this Area Committee agrees to honour the memory of the late Sean Dublin Bay Loftus, former Lord Mayor of Dublin. In agreement with Mr. Loftus’s family and the Local Area Committee a suitable significant memorial will be decided upon, e.g. an existing walkway/promenade in his name” The motion was put and carried.
56. The City Council agreed that a report be sent to Councillor E Costello on the following motion standing in her name at Item No 41 on the Agenda Paper “That Dublin City Council supports the same level of funding for the Arts for 2011 as it provided for 2010”
57. It was proposed by Councillor D O’Farrell and seconded by Councillor C Burke “That the City Manager urgently requests the Taxi Regulator, Government Representatives from the Departments of Environment, heritage and Local Government and Transport and representatives of the Taxi Industry to attend a meeting to discuss the current taxi crisis and its effects on our city. The Taxi Regulator has responsibilities to the citizens of Dublin as their actions have contributed to an over-supply of taxis needlessly driving around the city with no place to pull in, to queue for fares and/or rest and this is contributing in no small way to pollution and gridlock in our city as well as physical and mental health difficulties for the drivers. There are also real safety concerns with taxi drivers often being forced to work far in excess of 12-hour shifts.

There are 3 major rail projects due for development in Dublin City in the not too distant future.

- Luas Interconnector
- Dart Underground Link-Up
- Metro North

Even the development of one of these projects (let alone three) will have a major impact on the taxi business in Dublin City. Also, their development will cause major transport interruptions in the city centre as well as an inevitable loss of taxi-rank space. Presently there are approximately less than 500 taxi-rank places in the city, while there are over 16,000 taxis working in the city. This business is under the most severe pressure and the drivers and their families deserve better treatment particularly from the Taxi Regulator.

At the aforementioned meeting the impact of impending ‘Rail’ construction work on the taxi industry will be studied. Also plans and proposals to alleviate as much as is possible the negative impact the construction period will have on the industry including the inevitable loss of taxi rank spaces, traffic congestion etc, will be presented by Dublin City Council.

Furthermore, we call upon DCC as a matter of urgency to demand that the Taxi Regulator reinvest funds collected from taxi drivers back into their industry for instance but certainly not limited to procuring more taxi rank spaces, renting suitable city centre premises / lands etc for taxi rank space. There will be other requests resulting from the meeting including licensing issues etc.

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There have been increasing incidents of Taxi Drivers taking their own lives by suicide and this council, as a matter of urgency needs to support the industry in a more tangible and proactive manner” The motion was put and carried. It was further agreed that a cross-party group of five Councillors would be included in the Dublin City Council deputation attending the proposed meeting with the Taxi Regulator. A roll-call vote was taken following a request from 5 Members of the City Council.

The following Members voted in favour of the motion. There were no votes against the proposal and no abstentions.

Lord Mayor, G Breen	Deirdre Heney	Naoise O Muirí
Christy Burke	Kevin Humphreys	Mary O’Shea
Julia Carmichael	Vincent Jackson	Cieran Perry
Aine Clancy	Dermot Lacey	Nial Ring
Joan Collins	Ruairí McGinley	Brid Smith
Pat Crimmins	Séamas McGrattan	Edie Wynne
Dessie Ellis	Críona Ní Dhálaigh	

The meeting concluded at 10pm as all items on the Agenda had been dealt with.

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**LORD MAYOR**

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**MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR**

## APPENDIX A: MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010

### QUESTIONS LODGED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.16 FOR REPLY AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 04<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010

**Q1. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council clear all shores at Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 in order to try and prevent flooding in the event of heavy rainfall.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The gullies on Clonliffe Road were checked on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and 24 of the 26 gullies were cleaned.

**Q2. COUNCILLOR OISIN QUINN**

Can the Manager clarify the planning position viz-a-viz the new National Convention Centre and concerns expressed locally about the issue of the treatment of sewage? What conditions were put in place about sewage and/or waste removal facilities and have they been complied with?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The National Conference Centre (Convention Centre Dublin - CCD) was constructed by Spencer Dock Development Company on foot of permissions issued by Dublin Docklands Development Company (DDDA), the Planning Authority for the Docklands area. Planning permission was also issued by the DDDA for the construction of a sewage pumping station to convey drainage from the Centre to the wastewater treatment works at Ringsend.

Spencer Dock Development Company has signed a development agreement with Dublin City Council to design and construct the sewage pumping station to service the Convention Centre Dublin. Permission was given by Dublin City Council for a temporary connection to the public sewer to allow the commissioning and operation of the Convention Centre to align with the Development Agreement for construction of the pumping Station.

Spencer Dock Development Company has applied to the DDDA for a compliance certificate for the permission previously granted by the DDDA for construction of the pumping station. Substantial progress has been made in this regard and the compliance certificate is being dealt with, with a decision on the matter imminent.

Dublin City Council has extended the temporary connection to facilitate the developer to obtain the necessary compliance certificate from the DDDA. As part of this interim solution, the obligation rests with Spencer Dock Development Company to fully comply with all environmental protection legislation and to prevent any contamination of the nearby river and bay.

In relation to timescale this will be determined by the date of issue of the necessary compliance certificate by the DDDA. The construction and commissioning of the pumping station is estimated to take fifteen months from commencement.

**Q3. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Manager if he would respond to the issues raised in the letter submitted with this question, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### Q4. **COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager if the regulations regarding planning applications permit planning applications as set out in the details supplied, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The statutory register of planning applications required under the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts & Regulations is available at the public counter of the Planning Department.

The website is purely for information purposes and complements the statutory register. The design of the website does not allow for all the information pertaining to any application to be available on the front page. To allow the maximum of information to be made available on this page it was necessary to limit the 'proposal description' view on this page, and to provide a full proposal as an attachment.

There is a clear prompt directly following the short proposal description to View full text which leads directly to the full description of the proposed development. To date this has not been raised as an issue with the Planning Authority despite the 'planning search' being one of the busiest e-services provided by Dublin City Council.

### Q5. **COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for repairs to roof in bathroom at, **(details supplied)**, as rain is coming in.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has called to inspect the roof of this dwelling. There was no evidence of a leak; however there was water lodged on the roof. The Area Foreman and the Slater will call to investigate further, use the moisture meter on the walls and any necessary remedial works will be carried out.

### Q6. **COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the replacement of the extractor fan in, **(details supplied)**, which has been reported many times.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that our Electrical Services Section will deal with this matter within the next week.

### Q7. **COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the replacement of porch at, **(details supplied)**, which was promised over a year ago.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that the roof of the porch of this dwelling will be re-surfaced with torch-on felt within the next four weeks.

### Q8. **COUNCILLOR DESSIE ELLIS**

To ask the City Manager to arrange for the removal and sourcing as to why water builds up outside of, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This location was checked on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and was clear. There was no build up of water or no sign of water marks at this location.

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### Q9. **COUNCILLOR EDIE WYNNE**

To ask the Manager to have the surface on the Strand Road repaired as a matter of urgency because, as a result of extensive pipe laying type work the road's surface, according to local residents, has been left looking like a mountain range and that it is dangerous to cyclists, especially at night - and it's bad for cars.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The works in question were not carried out by Road Maintenance Division, but by Nolan's working on behalf of ESB. Nolan's intend to reinstate this area within the next four weeks.

### Q10. **COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE**

Will the Manager please confirm that he is satisfied that the Council have full Legal Title to the land at The Eaton Square Park, Terenure, Dublin 6W and will he make a statement to this effect?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

According to records in the Property Registration Section, Dublin City Council holds a 900 year lease from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1901 and a sub-lease for 99 years from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1957 in this Park. While this title is adequate, it is our policy to perfect our title by acquiring the fee simple interest, when available, at reasonable cost.

### Q11. **COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE**

Will the Manager please explain how a Citizen can apply to have a Tree Preservation Order placed on trees on both Public and Private Lands?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

If a member of the public wishes to have a specific tree, group of trees or woodland, on either public or private property, considered for a Tree Preservation Order, they should write to the Planning Department providing details of the location of the tree, group of trees or woodland, in question. A Tree Preservation Order can be sought by application by any member of the public to the Planning Authority as such an order is made under the Planning and Development Acts. (Ref; Section 205, Planning and Development Act 2000).

On receipt of the request, the matter will be referred to the Parks Department for a report and any other relevant Department depending on the particular location and circumstances of the particular tree(s). The Planning Department will then determine whether it is in the interests of amenity or the environment, to make a Tree Preservation Order.

If it is considered that a Tree Preservation Order is warranted, the procedures set out in Section 205 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 must be followed. These provide for service of notice on the owner and occupier of the land affected by the order and the publication of a notice in a newspaper. Submissions or observations may be made within 6 weeks of the publication of the notice. The Members, having considered the proposal and the submissions and observations, may by resolution make the order, with or without modifications, or refuse to make the order.

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### Q12. **COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to arrange for the following works to be carried in the Donaghmede Estate:

- to arrange for the double yellow lines on Carndonagh Lawn to be extended to the start of the driveway of house no 31,
- to arrange to carry out any necessary repairs to the wall arising from the damage by overgrown tree on footpath and to remove the roots from the trees to ensure this problem does not arise again at, **(details supplied)**,
- to have the grass verges cut opposite house no 2-40 Donaghmede Road (Car-Park side),
- to arrange for parking enforcement to give the Donaghmede Estate additional regular patrols,
- To arrange to have the back lanes between houses no 16-18 and 48-50 Carndonagh Road swept, litter picked, and weeded.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

1. The request for double yellow lines on Carndonagh Lawn to be extended to the start of the driveway of house no 31 will be referred to the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) for a recommendation.
2. The damage referred to at, **(details supplied)**, has been inspected by Parks and Landscape Services Division and arrangements will be put in place to carry out the repairs before the end of November 2010 subject to the general works programme in the area.
3. The roadside grassed margins opposite 2-40 Donaghmede Road were inspected by Parks & Landscape Services Division on receipt of the council question and were found to be in good condition and are being maintained in accordance with the grass margin maintenance contract.
4. Instances of illegal parking should be reported to the Gardai or to Dublin Street Parking Services, Tel no. 6022500 for enforcement.
5. Waste Management Services had the back lanes between 16-18 and 48-50 Carndonagh Road swept and cleaned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010. The area has been sprayed under the Weed Spraying Programme.

### Q13. **COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager request that the Roads / Maintenance Department repair a pot hole outside 578 – 580 Howth Road. There are many more pots holes also needing repair on the road leading to Killester.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance has identified a pothole at 578 Howth Road and scheduled a repair of the same. If Councillor Crimmins submits further details, the other potholes will be inspected.

### Q14. **COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager request that the Paving Department repair an uneven surface on the path at the rear of 18a Foxfield Lawn which is on the pathway on Foxfield Grove as this is a health & safety concern?

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services has inspected this location. A repair has been scheduled in the coming 8-10 weeks.

### **Q15. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager ask the Parks Department replace a tree on St. Assam's Road West which is outside the Bank of Ireland car park? Also, could they plant a tree outside the Bank of Ireland which is also located on St. Assam's Road West, which has failed in the past but which would now be protected by the bicycle stand?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Parks and Landscape Services Division proposes to include the requested tree planting and replacement planting in the 2010/2011 tree planting season, subject to the necessary resources being available.

### **Q16. COUNCILLOR PAT CRIMMINS**

Can the Manager make a statement on the pruning of trees by the ESB staff in the Glenwood Road and Tonlegee Drive area? Would DCC supervise this process?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Whilst not directly supervising the work, the Parks & Landscape Services Division do interact with the ESB and their contractor when line clearance pruning operations are being planned and progressing as was the case at the above locations. In general there are no ongoing problems for trees as a result of line clearance. However, with some individual specimen the extent of pruning can have a negative impact on the shape of the tree concerned. It can take a number of season's growth to reduce such impact. However, through communication such cases are kept to a minimum.

### **Q17. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Manager what is the update on improvements needed on, **(details supplied)**, there is a serious problem occurring as bus drivers are failing to stop at the yellow box at the point where the bus lane ends. At this point the traffic merges from three lanes into two lanes and there is a huge danger of an accident occurring.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A Traffic Engineer will monitor the ongoing situation at this location and determine whether additional signage/information to advise drivers of merging lanes ahead is required at this location.

### **Q18. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the Manager for an update on, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A Traffic Inspector will examine the condition of the yellow box at the junction of, **(details supplied)**, and any necessary remedial works will be carried out in the near future.

### **Q19. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the City Manager how many vacant houses/apartments has Dublin City Council on its books and what are the reasons for same.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has a total housing stock of 26,894. Excluding properties that are scheduled for Demolition/Refurbishment, the net housing stock stands at 24,849. There are 794 properties void at present, city wide. These are dwellings that will be brought back into stock when all the necessary repairs have been completed. This figure of 794 voids represents 3.20% of the net housing stock. Housing Maintenance aim to turn around vacant dwellings in the shortest time possible. The condition of the dwelling determines the length of time it is under repair. The average turn around time has increased recently due to budgetary restraints, staff resources and the fact that we had stopped using Private Contractors for a period in 2009. Delays can occur which are outside the control of Housing Maintenance in relation to void dwellings. Issues such as low demand in certain areas do have a bearing on whether a dwelling can be allocated quickly when all repairs are completed. Bedsit units are low demand and difficult to let. These dwellings may remain vacant for a longer period than is desirable. High levels of refusals of offers of accommodation and low demand in particular estates and flat complexes are a major factor when considering issues around void dwellings.

### **Q20. COUNCILLOR DECLAN FLANAGAN**

To ask the City Manager the update on, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q21. COUNCILLOR KILLIAN FORDE**

Can the Manager arrange to repair the severe trip hazard on the pavement outside 21/23 Grange Abbey Grove, Donaghmede?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Parks & Landscape Services Division has inspected the pavement adjacent to the roadside tree outside No. 21/23 Grange Abbey Grove, Donaghmede, Dublin 13. This Division proposes to carry out repairs at this location before the end of 2010, as the works schedule for the district permits.

### **Q22. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager to review, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Irish language translations on street nameplates in the City will be reviewed when resources become available.

Any errors on street nameplates can be notified to Road Maintenance Services, Roads & Traffic Department, at email: [roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie](mailto:roadmaintenance@dublincity.ie) tel: 01 222 2255 or fax: 01 222 2689.

### **Q23. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the City Manager to ensure, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q24. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Manager to review, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q25. COUNCILLOR SEAMAS MCGRATTAN**

To ask the Manager to have the following works carried out in, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q26. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE**

Will the Manager please say if he has had any recent meeting with residents groups and if he has proposed the closure of the Pitch and Putt course on the Lansdowne Valley Park. Concern has been expressed at rumours to this effect and will he make a statement on this request?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

There has been no meeting with resident groups nor has there been any proposal to close the Pitch & Putt Course at Lansdowne Valley Park.

### **Q27. COUNCILLOR ERIC BYRNE**

Will the Manager please agree to consider my constituent, **(details supplied)**, for a transfer from her current 3 bedroom house to a nice modern 1 bedroom apartment as she is living on her own and the house is too big for her? She would consider Cherry Orchard or Ballyfermot and will he make a statement on this request?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

According to our records the applicant's **(details supplied)** son is still residing at, **(details supplied)**. If this is not the case the applicant should be advised to contact Housing Allocations to update her transfer application and Housing Rents to update her Rent Account. When these issues have been addressed the applicant, **(details supplied)**, should be advised to contact the Ballyfermot Area Office to discuss her application.

Please note all transfers are subject to tenants having a clear rent account.

### **Q28. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council reinstates the road at Russell Avenue, East Wall, Dublin 3 and charge Bord Gáis with the cost of this reinstatement.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This work will not be carried out in 2010. It will, however, be included in the 2011 Works Programme, subject to funding.

### **Q29. COUNCILLOR CHRISTY BURKE**

To ask the City Manager that this City Council investigate as to why Iarnrod Eireann are carrying out maintenance work after normal working hours on the Irish Rail line directly beside residents houses at Crosbies Yard complex on Ossory Road, East Wall, Dublin 3 depriving residents of sleep and also lack of consultation with residents in this complex.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Air Quality and Noise Control Unit has been investigating complaints of noise nuisance arising from maintenance work on the railway line adjacent to Crosbie's Yard. The Unit has not received any complaints regarding shunting of trains.

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The railway tracks adjacent to Crosbie's Yard serve the DART, the Maynooth Commuter trains and the Belfast Enterprise. They are also used for the movement of freight from the south and lead to the maintenance sheds at Connolly Station.

For health and safety reasons, together with the need to ensure the passenger and freight network is kept running, the work is carried out at night when the railway lines can be closed down.

Following complaints from residents a schedule of work has been agreed to ensure that noisy night time maintenance work is only carried out on weekend nights. Furthermore, the tracks will be closed for 72 hours over the October Bank Holiday to allow work to be completed. During this time the Air Quality and Noise Control Unit will be carrying out both noise and air quality monitoring from Crosbie's Yard.

The level of work being carried out adjacent to Crosbie's Yard is part of a 30 year maintenance programme. It is not, therefore, anticipated that this level of disturbance will recur although short term routine maintenance work will be necessary from time to time.

Irish Rail have agreed to ensure residents in Crosbie's Yard are notified of the exact times and dates of proposed work in the future. The Air Quality and Noise Control Unit will also be notified of planned work.

**Q30. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether a bin waiver can be allocated to the gentleman, **(details supplied)**, on the grounds that he is of pensionable age and resides in sheltered accommodation.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A bin waiver has been granted to, **(details supplied)**.

**Q31. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager whether the Council intends to bring out a lower price bin tag for non-wheelie bin users to dispose of their compost waste or change the price structure so that the cost of two bin tags equals lifting a small wheelie bin.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The charges are currently being reviewed as part of the preparation of the 2011 budget. It is unlikely, in the current climate, that changes can be made which will radically alter customers' bills. Nonetheless this suggestion will be taken into account in the course of the current exercise.

**Q32. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager what is the current status of the proposal to use the old access route onto Rathmines Road from the Gullistan Waste Depot to alleviate the noise on Gullistan Terrace caused by bin trucks from the Waste Depot operating in the early hours of the morning.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 the gate into Rathmines Waste Management Depot from Gullistan Terrace will remain closed until 6.00 am. Staff arriving for work between 5.30 and 6.00 am have been instructed to use the Rathmines Road gate only. Drivers operating Dublin City Council vehicles have been instructed not to start

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engines before 6.00 am unless it is absolutely necessary and any noise within the yard will be kept to a minimum at this time. Our bin trucks would not fit through the lane exiting onto Rathmines Road.

### **Q33. COUNCILLOR JIM O'CALLAGHAN**

To ask the City Manager when will traffic proposals for Dunville Avenue be available in light of the recent review of the avenue's traffic lights, parking meter and Moyne Road junction by the City Engineer?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Following meetings with residents and business in the area a number of proposals are proposed for the Dunville Avenue/Moyne Road junction, which will be presented to the October meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group (21<sup>st</sup> October 2010).

The main issues raised were as follows:

#### 1. Pedestrian crossing at Morton's Supermarket

The Traffic Engineer will be recommending to the T.A.G. to provide a 2.0m buildout on either side of the pedestrian crossing on the south side of Dunville Avenue at Morton's Supermarket. This recommendation is subject to the availability of funding and will be considered for inclusion of the 2011 works programme for the South East area.

#### 2. Parking Meter at a narrow point on the path adjacent to Morton's

The Traffic Engineer accepts that this section of path is quiet narrow and the meter will be moved as soon as possible. The timescale for moving this meter is subject to workload priority and available resources.

#### 3. Loading Bay issues

The location of the existing loading bays in this area has been reviewed and the Traffic Engineer will be proposing an alternative to the existing situation. This plan is being finalised and the residents will be informed of the change to the existing plan in advance of the October TAG meeting.

#### 4. School Issues signage etc.

This has been discussed over the past year and the Road Safety Development Officer is endeavouring to resolve the issues raised. It is hoped that some resolution will be reached prior to the October TAG meeting.

The South East Area Committee will receive the detail of the TAG recommendations for the November meeting.

### **Q34. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to say when the roads linking Marrsfield, Clongriffin, directly to the Hole in The Wall Road and to Clongriffin DART Station will be opened for pedestrians and vehicles.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

These roads are still in private ownership. The question will be forwarded to the Developer for comment.

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### Q35. **COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Manager to say what bus stops in Dublin City have been selected for the piloting of the Real Time Passenger Information system and will he make a statement on the matter.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Location for RTPI Pilot.

These locations were chosen by Dublin Bus to ensure that all bus services at these bus stops are fully equipped with AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) and are actively being tracked by Dublin Bus.

Ballymun Road	Civic Centre
Glasnevin Avenue	Junction Ballymun Road
Raheny Village	Raheny Shopping Centre
Howth Road	Junction Station Road
Malahide Road	Donnycarney Church
Grange Road	Donaghmede Shopping Centre
Raheny Road	De La Salle School
Tonlegee Road	St. Monica's Youth Centre
Oscar Traynor Road	Opposite Northside Shopping Centre
Oscar Traynor Road	Opposite Northside Shopping Centre
Malahide Road	Junction Tonlegee Road
Malahide Road	Artane Roundabout
Terenure Road North	Junction Elm Park Terrace
Harold's Cross Road	Junction Clareville Road Park
Clontarf Road	Opposite Clontarf Bus Garage
Walkinstown Road	Shopping Centre
Temple View Vale Road	Clare Hall Estate
Eden Quay	Liberty Hall (Stop EG)
Terenure Road North	Junction Elm Park Terrace
Philipsburgh Avenue	Opposite Turlough Gardens
Howth Rd	Sybil Hill
Howth Rd	Brookwood
Parnell St	Jn Cumberland St
Collins Ave	Outside DCU

### Q36. **COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to accommodate the following request, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q37. **COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to set out the number of ratepayers as of:

31/12/2007

31/12/2008

31/12/2009

30/06/2010

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The number of rate demands issued in respect of dates set out above is as follows:-

2007	23,712
2008	23,952
2009	23,761
2010	23,738

### **Q38. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to have the drainage division examine the drainage situation at, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Drainage Division checked the mains in the above areas and found the system to be in good working order. If, however, we could be given specific addresses that are experiencing flooding problems in their back gardens, we would be more than happy to investigate each individual garden.

### **Q39. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager for a plebiscite to be taken on St. Kevin's Road Portobello for 24 hour Pay & Display Parking as this is the only road in the area that hasn't got pay and display parking.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This has been referred to the Traffic Advisory Group. The Councillor will be informed of the recommendations of the group when these are available

### **Q40. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager for the manhole cover outside no. 8 Sandymount Green to be repaired as it is currently loose and makes a loud banging noise when traffic goes over it.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Drainage Division Called to inspect this manhole and will endeavour to have it repaired by week ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2010, pending traffic issues.

### **Q41. COUNCILLOR KEVIN HUMPHREYS**

To ask the Manager to ensure that the rain water down pipe outside, **(details supplied)**, be cleared as when heavy rain occurs the balcony is flooded and the shore to be replaced outside of this flat.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that this down pipe will be cleared within the next week. The shore will checked and replaced if necessary

### **Q42. COUNCILLOR RUAIRI MCGINLEY**

To ask the Manager to prune trees at rear of, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This tree was crown lifted 4 - 6 weeks ago by the Parks and Landscape Services staff. There is a need to carry out further work to reduce the height of the trees and this must be carried out by Contractors. Finance is not available for this purpose but it will be considered in the context of the 2011 Parks Estimates.

### **Q43. COUNCILLOR CATHERINE NOONE**

To ask the Manager to organise regular clearing of the gullies along Upper Grand Canal Street as they have not been cleared in over 7 weeks and this area is prone to flooding.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The gullies at this location were checked during heavy rain on 14/09/10 and no flooding was found. This area will be checked again during the month of October.

### **Q44. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

Can the Manager report on the progress of the removal of trees, debris etc. from the watercourse of the River Liffey which contributed significantly to flooding of riverbanks and adjacent properties in the Chapelizod area during the period of heavy flooding late last year.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The clearance work to the River Liffey at Chapelizod weir is complete. All trees/logs lying on or adjacent to the weir that can be removed have been. Overhanging trees that were in danger of falling into the river have been removed or pruned, large quantities of silt and debris have been removed from the islands immediately downstream of the weir and the channels between the islands have been opened up again to allow flow through these formally clogged sections. This work was carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) on a once-off basis.

In consultation with Inland Fisheries, we also placed locally some selected gravel and low water flow 'resting holes' within the river to facilitate salmon.

### **Q45. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

Can the Manager report on the progress being made on the repeated request for adaptation and ancillary improvements for this most deserving family, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

An application was received from this family for the provision of an extension to their dwelling on grounds of disability in September 2010. This application will be assessed. A letter will be sent directly to the family informing them of the outcome of their application in due course. No commitment can be given as to when any works may be carried out at this property until the application has been assessed and approval given for the proposed works to be carried out.

### **Q46. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

Can the Manager arrange to conclude the road safety markings, signage etc. and re-do those already done in the general Cherry Orchard area last year; this report to include detail on provision of a proper Children Safety Zone on the extremely busy roadway adjacent to St. Ultan's N.S. on Cherry Orchard Avenue.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Department will conclude road safety markings and signage on Cherry Orchard Avenue as soon as possible. A further inspection will be carried out and the Traffic Officer will be requested to complete any outstanding works.

A detailed inspection will be carried out at St. Ultan's National School in conjunction with the Road Safety Officer and further recommendations will be made where warranted.

### **Q47. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CONAGHAN**

Can the Manager provide an initial report on the outcomes of the visit by the road engineers to the Carna Wood area recently where on-site meeting with residents etc. took place to highlight concerns about road safety for pedestrians, issues of safe footpath access for wheelchair users, the elderly and infirm etc. in the streets and roads radiating out from Claddagh Green square area.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A more detailed report will be prepared for the Councillor shortly, however, brief details are summarised as follows:

1. The Traffic Department are still considering effective measures to prevent traffic parking in front of the ramps at the shops.
2. Access to the bus on Spiddal Road will be recommended with ramped footpaths and tactile paving.
3. The Traffic Department is not in favour of recommending a one-way system for Claddagh Green. Details will be provided at a later stage.
4. The Traffic Department is not in favour of providing a pedestrian crossing from Claddagh Court to the shops. Details will be provided at a later stage.
5. Blackditch Drive does not satisfy the criteria for speed ramps as the length of the road between junctions is less than 200m. Speed ramps are not recommended.
6. Dips on Carna Road, Inagh Road, Carna Road, Colepark Road, disability parking at Bank of Ireland and Spar Shop, will be inspected shortly.

A full report will be prepared for the Councillor within a one month timeframe.

### **Q48. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN**

To ask the Manager to reinstate the surface of Russell Ave, East Wall, after the Bord Gais works.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This work will not be carried out in 2010. It will, however, be included in the 2011 Works Programme, subject to funding.

### **Q49. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN**

To ask the Manager to have speed ramps installed on Grangegorman Road.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

There are speed ramps on Grangegorman Upper. The latest speed surveys indicated that the speeds on Grangegorman Lower were appropriate to the road type. However, additional speed surveys will be requested and a report will be forwarded to the Central Area Committee in due course.

### **Q50. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN**

To ask the Manager to review the housing application of, **(details supplied)**, as a matter of urgency, given her personal circumstances.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, is currently on the City Council's Housing Waiting List with 127 points for Area E (Ashtown, Santry, Whitehall, Finglas, Blackhorse Ave., Cabra, Glasnevin) and with 122 points for Area B (Artane, Killester, Kilmore, Marino, Priorswood, Raheny, Beaumont, Clontarf, Coolock, Darndale, Donaghmede, Donnycarney, Edenmore, Kilbarrack) and Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay). Unfortunately these points are low and it will likely be some time yet before the applicant is reached for an offer of alternative accommodation

According to our records there is no further information on file regarding the applicant's, **(details supplied)**, personal circumstances. The applicant, **(details supplied)**, should be advised to contact the Allocations & Transfers Section as soon as possible to discuss her application.

Housing Advisors are available in the Civic Offices, Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 4.00pm to discuss her application.

### **Q51. COUNCILLOR CLAIRE O'REGAN**

To ask the Manager to make available to residents of Taaffe's Place, Poplar Row and Annesley Place the results of the tests for Pyrite.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Following an inspection of cracking in premises in Taaffes Place and Annesley Place, Ballybough, samples of stone were taken and sent for testing. The results of these tests indicate the presence of pyrite. Further investigation will be required and additional sampling and testing will be scheduled in the near future. At that stage, the appropriate scale and course of remedial action will be identified. Residents will be kept advised of the position.

### **Q52. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the City Manager to provide the following information, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q53. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the City Manager to provide the current timetable for, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Having regard to the current economic climate, it is extremely unlikely that, **(details supplied)**, will be redeveloped in the foreseeable future. This information was communicated to the residents committee at a recent meeting.

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**Q54. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the City Manager to have this matter investigated and the necessary remedial works carried out, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that there are no sewage problems at this dwelling. However new bath and wash hand basin waste water pipes are required. These will be fitted within the next week.

**Q55. COUNCILLOR LARRY O'TOOLE**

To ask the City Manager to deal with the following issue, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The supply pipe to, **(details supplied)**, was renewed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.

**Q56. COUNCILLOR SEAN KENNY**

To ask the Dublin City Manager to provide me with a copy of the building control regulations compliance certification documentation submitted on behalf of the planning applicant for the Kingspan timber frame flooring provided in the housing units constructed at Belmayne, Dublin 13, under planning permissions granted by An Bord Pleanala Reference Number: PL 29N.207192 (Dublin City Council planning reference 4315/03) and An Bord Pleanala reference number Ref: 29N.131019 (Dublin City Council plan ref. 0354/02).

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

No building control regulations compliance certification documentation for timber flooring in Belmayne was submitted to Building Control Division.

This issue is dealt with through the self-certification process.

**Q57. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

Could the Manager please provide details on the following, **(details supplied)**?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q58. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

Could the Manager please provide a detailed reply to the following, **(details supplied)**, and any points/ directives/possible improvements arising as a result.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q59. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

Could the Manager please investigate the following, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q60. COUNCILLOR EOGHAN MURPHY**

Could the Manager please provide a detailed response to the following, **(details supplied)**?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

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### Q61. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH

To ask the City Manager as a matter of priority to organise a meeting with this Councillor, DCC Area Manager and local gardaí to address the serious anti-social and maintenance issues at, **(details supplied)**. It is totally unacceptable that tenants have to live in such fear and suffer from poor maintenance standards. I have attached a few residents' comments regarding the conditions and ask that priority be given to cleaning this block but in particular the playground. In one day alone residents had to contend with

- a. A shouting
- b. Sword fights
- c. Stabbings
- d. Gang feuds
- e. Joy riding

Urgent attention needs to be given to

- Broken CCTV
- Broken front Gate
- Broken internal lighting
- Poor caretaking

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Liberties Housing Manager, together with area staff, will arrange a meeting with the Councillor and invite local Gardaí to attend to discuss the, **(details supplied)**, complex.

### Q62. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager replace the plaster knocked off the wall during construction of adjacent housing at, **(details supplied)**? Will he also block up the staircase overlooking the garden at, **(details supplied)**. Children regularly sit on the stairs hanging into the garden at, **(details supplied)**.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Area Engineer has been requested to inspect, **(details supplied)**, and will issue a full report upon inspection. This will issue within the next 3 weeks.

### Q63. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager examine the tree outside, **(details supplied)**, and make sure it's safe? If it's safe to stay in place will the Manager prune the tree?

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The Parks & Landscape Services Division carried out pruning operations on the roadside tree outside, **(details supplied)**, last week. This tree has had crown raising pruning operations and is considered to be in a safe condition.

### Q64. COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE

Will the Manager resurface the footpath outside, **(details supplied)**. The elderly resident uses a motorised scooter to get around and the scooter can't get through the broken surface outside her house.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

A representative of Dublin City Council's Road Maintenance Services Division met with, **(details supplied)**. Two locations on the footpath identified are in need of repair. These locations have been entered onto the works list and are scheduled for repair within 8-10 weeks.

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### Q65. **COUNCILLOR ANDREW MONTAGUE**

Will the Manager resurface the footpath outside, **(details supplied)**. A disabled resident in a wheelchair finds it difficult to move through the broken surface.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected this location and identified a section of footpath for repair. This repair has been scheduled for completion within the coming 8-10 weeks.

### Q66. **COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager deal with the following, **(details supplied)**?

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A response has been issued to the Councillor.

### Q67. **COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager deal with the following, **(details supplied)**.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

1. The area at, **(details supplied)**, is private and not in Dublin City Council ownership.
2. It is not in charge of Dublin City Council.
3. Dublin City Council had no involvement in the marking of parking spaces in this area.

### Q68. **COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager organise for the trees between number 6 and 7 The Crescent, Collinswood to be pruned as they are causing difficulties for local residents/pedestrians.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Parks and Landscape Services Division have inspected the trees at this location. It is proposed to carry out some pruning operations, inclusive of crown lifting, of these trees before the end of October 2010.

### Q69. **COUNCILLOR NAOISE O'MUIRI**

Can the Manager please provide the following info in relation to personal injury claims pursued against Dublin City Council for 2007, 2008, 2009 and the 1st 6 months of 2010:

- a. Total number of claims lodged
- b. Total value of the claims lodged
- c. Total payout on claims
- d. Total number of Court Actions arising

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Details set out below:

Year	Personal Injury Claims Received	Value of Claims	Cost of Claims	Proceedings Issued
2007	477	€16,035,933	€10,152,003	163
2008	475	€15,254,565	€9,857,066	137
2009	475	€13,254,565	€9,130,566	151
*2010	223	€7,187,527	€3,337,530	85
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**Q70. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager if he will ensure that the position is filled for, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Sanction has been sought from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG) for the filling of the post of, **(details supplied)**, on a permanent basis.

**Q71. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager for definitive information on the following, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q72. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager if he will consider the following, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q73. COUNCILLOR MARIE METCALFE**

To ask the City Manager for an update on the following, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

There is no further progress on this proposal.

**Q74. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager to respond to the following letter, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q75. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager if he will provide the number of Senior Citizen housing units in Dublin South Central; the location of these units; the number currently vacant; the number vacant and ready to be re-let; the total number of bed-sits; the total number of units with separate bedrooms and living rooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The table below sets out the name, location, number and type of Senior Citizen units in Areas J, K and L and the number of voids in each Senior Citizen housing unit and the status of the voids.

Dublin South Central includes Areas J and K and parts of Housing Areas L and N.

Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore), Area K (Crumlin, Kimmage, Drimnagh, Walkinstown), Area L (Clanbrassil, Charlemont, Dolphin's Barn, James Street, Kilmainham, Rialto, Coombe/Maryland, York St., Ushers Quay) and Area N (Harold's Cross, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Terenure).

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There is no Senior Citizen housing unit in the part of Area N included in Dublin South Central.

AREA	SCHEME & LOCATION	NUMBER OF UNITS			NUMBER OF VOIDS			
		TOTAL	Bedsit	Separate bedroom	Void	Under Repair	Ready to Let	Current Status
J	Blackditch Court, Blackditch Drive, Ballyfermot	30	-	30	-	-	-	-
J	Claddagh Court, Claddagh Green, Ballyfermot	49	-	49	-	-	-	-
J	Father Lemass, Colepark Drive, Ballyfermot	32	-	32	1	-	1	1 on offer
J	Bernard Curtis Court, Bluebell	20	-	20	-	-	-	-
J	Rossaveal Court, drumfinn Avenue, Ballyfermot	40	-	40	1	-	1	1 on offer
J	La Touche Court, Bluebell Road	44	29	15	4	2	2	2 on offer
J	Jamestown Court, Jamestown Road, Inchicore	50	42	8	-	-	-	-
J	Bulfin Court, St. Michaels Estate, Inchicore	51	-	51	-	-	-	-
J	River View Court, Lucan Road, Chapelizod	45	29	16	1	-	1	1 on offer
J	Memorial Court, South Circular Road	66	-	66	2	2	-	-
K	Lorcan O'Toole Court, Lorcan O'Toole Ave., Kimmage	57	41	16	2	2	-	-
K	Ravensdale Close, Off Captains Rd., Kimmage	16	16	-	-	-	-	-
K	Clonmacnoise Grove, Clonmacnoise Rd., Crumlin	29	29	-	-	-	-	-
K	Stannaway Court, Stannaway Avenue, Crumlin	44	28	16	3	2	1	1 on offer
K	Lissadel Court, Lissadel Road, Crumlin	29	29	-	2	1	1	1 on offer
K	Lissadel Court (Bungalows), Drimnagh	10	-	10	-	-	-	-
K	Fr. Kitt Court, St. Agnes Road,	53	-	53	3	2	1	1 on offer

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	Crumlin							
<b>K</b>	Rockmeade Court, Crumlin Village	34	-	34	1	-	1	1 on offer
<b>L</b>	Dolphin Park, Dolphin's Barn	44	44	-	2	2	-	-
<b>L</b>	Braitwaite Street, Marrowbone Lane	14	14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>L</b>	Garden View Court, Francis Street	24	-	24	3	1	2	2 on offer
<b>L</b>	Old Mill Court, Clanbrassil Street	11	-	11	-	-	-	-
<b>L</b>	Cathedral View Walk, New Street	7	-	7	-	-	-	-
<b>L</b>	Coombe Court, The Coombe	8	-	8	-	-	-	-
<b>L</b>	Robinson's Court, Cork Street	41	-	41	3	-	3	3 on offer
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>

**Q76. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager the average time for the re-letting of a City Council housing unit; the type of refurbishment/repair work that is essential prior to the re-letting of a house; if any non-essential work, for example painting decorating could be carried out by a prospective tenant, where they were willing to do it; if this type of work would allow the earlier release of houses by the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The two main areas of responsibility for Housing Maintenance in relation to voids are categories Short Term Voids and Long Term Voids. Short Term are those voids which are in need of minor repairs and in some cases painting. Long Term are dwellings where extensive refurbishment work is necessary and generally take over six months to bring back into stock. Once a dwelling becomes vacant a decision as to what work needs to be done and who will carry out this work (direct labour/private contractor) is made immediately. The condition of the dwelling determines the length of time it is under repair. Plumbing, heating, repairs to damaged walls and doors etc. are all checked as standard. Each void is checked by Electrical Services Section and a Building Energy Ratings Certificate is issued prior to letting. It is our experience that most voids warrant some type of repairs to be carried out prior to letting. Past experience has shown that prospective tenants are reluctant to accept dwellings that are not finished to a specific standard. On occasion new tenants have, however, accepted dwellings that have not been painted, but this is not a regular occurrence. Despite current financial restraints and in order to preserve the condition of our housing stock, each void dwelling is repaired to a high standard as quickly as possible.

**Q77. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager if he will arrange to have the gate replaced at the entrance to a Park, (**details supplied**); if he is aware of the reports of antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of the Park because of youths congregating there; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This half gate was removed to allow for the installation of kissing gates at this park. The installation of such gates was necessary as they obviate the need for the working of overtime to open/close conventional gates. There are no proposals to replace this kissing gate. There is a long history of anti-social behaviour in this Park and there is a limit to what Parks staff can do to control such behaviour.

### **Q78. COUNCILLOR HENRY UPTON**

To ask the City Manager if he will investigate the options for the closing of a laneway, **(details supplied)**; if he is concerned that there is on-going dumping and anti-social behaviour in this section of laneway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Councillor was forwarded the procedures regarding the closing of a laneway on 24th September 2010. If there are any other queries on this matter, the South Central Area Office can be contacted on (01) 222 5189.

### **Q79. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER**

To ask the City Manager what plans are in place to address the annual issue of bonfire material being collected and stored, and later used around Halloween; if he will provide an emergency number that could be made available to the public in the even of problems arising at the holiday festival; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has commenced an action plan to minimise the impact of Halloween activities, specifically with regard to environmental and social consequences of bonfires and illegal fireworks.

The plan includes the following measures:

- Awareness raising with schools
- Campaign to highlight dangers and offer practical advice
- Consultation with businesses and supermarkets to minimise the supply of trolleys and combustible materials
- Ongoing liaison with An Garda Síochána and local communities
- Deployment of Waste Management, Housing, Parks and Area resources in preventive and follow-up actions with the assistance of An Garda Síochána
- Strict Enforcement by the City Council of Waste Management, Fire Services and Housing legislation
- Promotion and support to local communities in the organisation of safe and enjoyable Halloween activities

Members of the public with any specific concerns or who wish to report potential or current problems can contact their Local Area Office or the City Council Customer Services Centre (tel: 222 2222). The City Council will also have some limited resources operating over Halloween weekend primarily for the purpose of removing bonfire materials (tel: 6796186) and the Emergency Services (tel: 999) will be responding to calls.

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**Q80. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER**

To ask the City Manager how much funding has been allocated for the Housing Adaptation Grant scheme, the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme and the Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has made provision for €10m under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability, €1.6m under the Housing Aid for Older People and €500,000 under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme for 2010. The grant schemes re-opened for new applications on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and all applications received are being handled in a prompt and efficient manner.

**Q81. COUNCILLOR JOHN GALLAGHER**

To ask the City Manager how many people have availed of the Housing Adaptation Grant scheme, the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme and the Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme since they were re-opened on July 5<sup>th</sup>; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council has received 419 applications under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability, 76 applications under the Housing Aid for Older People and 31 applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme since the grant schemes re-opened on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010. All applications received are handled in a prompt and efficient manner.

**Q82. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager address the ongoing anti-social behaviour at, **(details supplied)**, and bring forward proposals to deal with same.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q83. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager re-paint the road markings on the Ballymun Road (Southbound; Collins Ave Junction onwards), as most of the markings on this section have faded and are no longer visible for drivers.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This matter will be investigated by a traffic engineer and worn markings will be renewed where necessary.

**Q84. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Will the Manager undertake to ensure that BRL arranges an early meeting with residents in Parkview as they have been requesting this for some time?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The following report was received from Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL):

BRL has made contact with the resident representative to arrange a meeting with the Parkview residents within the next fortnight.

**Q85. COUNCILLOR JOHN LYONS**

Further to recent media reports will the Manager outline the action which he intends to take to address the unacceptable activity at the monthly Smithfield Horse Fair.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Before dealing with the substantive issues it is important that some background to the matter is given.

It would appear that the Smithfield Horse Fair was established at the beginning of the twentieth century by Dublin Corporation under the Dublin Corporation (Markets) Act 1890.

Section 1(1) of the Casual Trading Act 1995 defines a "market right" as:

"a right conferred by franchise or statute to hold a fair or market, that is to say, a concourse of buyers and sellers to dispose of commodities."

Section 8(2) of the 1995 Act provides:

"A local authority may by order extinguish a market right owned by it,"

On the basis that Dublin Corporation established Smithfield Horse Fair through powers conferred on it by statute, it would seem that this constitutes "a market right owned by it" within the meaning of Section 8(2). Thus, the City Council could not extinguish the Horse Fair without complying with Section 8(3) (a) of the 1995 Act which provides:

"a local authority shall not extinguish a market right under this section unless it provides, or has already provided, alternative facilities in the same vicinity as the market or fair to which the right relates and comprising or including facilities reasonably corresponding in all respects, having regard to all the circumstances, to the market or fair."

Even if it is in a position to provide the alternative facilities, the extinguishment is subject to the appeal procedure contained in Section 8(5), which relates to an appeal to the District Court.

Dublin City Council attempted to run the fair in 2002 but consistent difficulties emerged and we withdrew from management of it at that time. We do not "run" the Fair. A group of individuals continue to "run" the fair but do not prepare an event management plan nor are any insurances in place. A safety assessment of the fair conducted by Health and Safety experts on behalf of Dublin City Council revealed significant risks under each of the 16 categories examined by the specialist consultants. Virtually every one of these risks is as a result of the unsuitability of the venue and could probably be adequately addressed by a properly designed and approved venue in a suitable location. There are a number of equestrian facilities around the country that function perfectly well because they are properly designed and managed. Smithfield is not properly designed or managed.

In summary, in order to extinguish the market right at Smithfield, we would have to find an alternative location for the market with reasonable facilities for carrying on the form of trade that goes on there at the moment. This would involve acquiring land, designing a facility, obtaining planning permission and building a facility and creating an operational line budget all of which in the current financial climate is not achievable. For this reason, we have made representations to Government to enact primary legislation to extinguish the market right without providing an alternative location. We hope this will happen soon.

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The foregoing sets the context for what we are endeavouring to resolve. In relation to animal welfare Dublin City Council's Central Area Office give a grant-in-aid of €7000 to the DSPCA each year specifically to help them with the valuable work they do at the fair.

**Q86. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager arrange to have the Traffic Advisory Group examine an area, **(details supplied)**, as double parking is prevalent at this location, on the path and the green. Dublin City Council recently installed a new curb and the green was reseeded, allowing this practice to continue will only cause further damage and will require future work.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Under The Road Traffic (Traffic & Parking) Regulations, Section 36 paragraph (2) i, it is illegal to park "on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip";

This matter will be referred to the Parking Enforcement Officer for investigation.

**Q87. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager examine a location, **(details supplied)**; the pedestrian barriers are damaged and the road surface needs urgent attention. This area is always busy with a number of schools, church senior citizens resource centre and a community centre close by.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q88. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager arrange to have the paving repaired at a location, **(details supplied)**?

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Upon inspection the Water Division detected a leak at the above address. The leak is located within the front garden of the house. The repair of this leak is the responsibility of the householder and we have issued a notice to the householder to carry out immediate repairs.

**Q89. COUNCILLOR JOHN REDMOND**

Will the Manager state who is responsible for the laneway/road way at, **(details supplied)**, and if it is the responsibility of DCC, will the Manager examine the area in question and arrange for the necessary repairs to be carried out, as the road is currently in an unfit state for motorists and pedestrians alike.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

There are two potholes on the carriageway and these will be repaired in the next 2-3 weeks.

**Q90. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to respond to, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q91. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide me with an update on, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q92. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide me with an update, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q93. COUNCILLOR RAY MCADAM**

To ask the City Manager to provide an update on how much money has been spent by the City Council on paper and stationery to date in 2010 and to provide the same figures for 2007, 2008 and 2009; and how much of this money has been spent on recycled paper.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The table hereunder provides details of total expenditure incurred by Dublin City Council in respect of (a) Stationery & Office Supplies and (b) Printing & Photocopying Paper for the years 2007 – 2009 and for 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

	2007	2008	2009	2010 to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
	€	€	€	€
Stationery & Office Supplies	1,740,176	1,508,060	810,271	443,533
Paper (printing & photocopying)	167,886	157,675	130,694	71,393

The reduced costs of stationery, office supplies and paper is as a result of the introduction of contracts following tender advertisement and also the introduction of greater efficiencies in the use of these supplies.

Paper derived from recycled sources accounts for approximately 20% of paper purchased.

### **Q94. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager when the report on, **(details supplied)**, will be published and made available to the residents.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q95. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to ensure that security measures such as CCTV are provided for the residents of **(details supplied)** as there have been a number of robberies there in recent months, and to report on the proposals for the regeneration of the complex.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Arrangements are in hand for the installation of a CCTV system in, **(details supplied)**, and the necessary works should commence shortly.

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Proposals for the regeneration of this complex are with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and a decision is still awaited.

### **Q96. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to deal with the following issues at, **(details supplied)**:

- a. Have the gates into the car park repaired
- b. Have CCTV repaired to prevent anti-social behaviour
- c. Deal with the ongoing issue of non Council tenants placing their rubbish into the bins for the Complex

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q97. COUNCILLOR EMER COSTELLO**

To ask the City Manager to give a report on Air Quality and Noise levels in the vicinity of East Wall, North Strand and Crosbie's Yard as residents are becoming exacerbated by late night maintenance and shunting activity on the railway line and to state what enforcement action can be taken in relation to this.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Air Quality and Noise Control Unit has been investigating complaints of noise nuisance arising from maintenance work on the railway line adjacent to Crosbie's Yard. The Unit has not received any complaints regarding shunting of trains.

The railway tracks adjacent to Crosbie's Yard serve the DART, the Maynooth Commuter trains and the Belfast Enterprise. They are also used for the movement of freight from the south and lead to the maintenance sheds at Connolly Station.

For health and safety reasons, together with the need to ensure the passenger and freight network is kept running, the work is carried out at night when the railway lines can be closed down.

Following complaints from residents a schedule of work has been agreed to ensure that noisy night time maintenance work is only carried out on weekend nights. Furthermore, the tracks will be closed for 72 hours over the October Bank Holiday to allow work to be completed. During this time the Air Quality and Noise Control Unit will be carrying out both noise and air quality monitoring from Crosbie's Yard.

The level of work being carried out adjacent to Crosbie's Yard is part of a 30 year maintenance programme. It is not, therefore, anticipated that this level of disturbance will recur although short term routine maintenance work will be necessary from time to time.

Irish Rail have agreed to ensure residents in Crosbie's Yard are notified of the exact times and dates of proposed work in the future. The Air Quality and Noise Control Unit will also be notified of planned work.

### **Q98. COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**

To ask the City Manager to report on the reasons for the delay in repairing the roof of, **(details supplied)**, and to state when the roof will be repaired.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Area Maintenance Officer has confirmed that a private roofing contractor called to this tenant some time ago in relation to carrying out the repairs to the roof. However, no contact was made by the tenant in relation to this call. A further call will

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be made. However, it is then the responsibility of the tenant to contact the contractor and make arrangements for a suitable time to have the repairs carried out.

**Q99. COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**

To ask the Manager can an onsite meeting be set up between relevant Dublin City Council staff and public reps. on, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q100. COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**

To ask Manager can Dublin City Council account why there is, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q101. COUNCILLOR AINE CLANCY**

To ask Manager when will the first of the, **(details supplied)**, take place.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

**Q102. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager to carry out the following repairs at, **(details supplied)**:

- a. no hot water available
- b. problems with light in the bathroom

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the hot water system is now working properly and that the defective light in the bathroom has been reported to Electrical Services.

**Q103. COUNCILLOR CRÍONA NÍ DHÁLAIGH**

To ask the City Manager that TAG consider the following, **(details supplied)**.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Department will examine the road and junction in question and report back to the Councillor within a two month timeframe.

**Q104. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager confirm that it is a requirement of contractors employed by DCC to notify residents by means of a leaflet when noisy or intrusive works are scheduled to take place in a residential area.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The entire City of Dublin is residential in nature. Contractors employed by DCC on Capital Projects generally follow the Specification approved by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for each Contract. Experience has shown that contact using leaflets is generally not effective as a communications tool. Surplus leaflets often give rise to litter hazard and increase waste arising. Many apartment blocks are in effect gated and mailbox drops are not effective. All roadworks are listed on the weekly traffic bulletin which is listed on the DCC website, [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie). This is the best and most up to date listing of all major construction works taking place in the City. All roadworks are obliged to conform to the Control of Roadworks Regulations.

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Drainage Division/Water Services Division rarely engages contractors to carry out work in residential areas on its behalf. In the event of planned work to be carried out by our own staff, it is our practice to notify residents and businesses in the area of the intended works.

### Q105. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

To ask the Manager to provide the following information:

The number of people currently on the various Dublin City Council housing lists giving details of the amount on each list and further detailed by area.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

The table below sets out the number of applicants included on each category of the City Council's Housing List.

List	List Category	Housing Area										
		B	D	E	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Grand Total
Housing List	Homeless	270	75	142	170	105	97	155	74	65	71	1224
	Points	3598	674	2622	1779	1441	1294	1346	925	1694	448	15821
	Medical	41	6	42	34	27	29	21	29	27	11	267
	Welfare	23	5	14	12	16	5	12	13	5	4	109
	Other	61	17	51	1	17	10	8	3	1	1	170
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3993</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>2871</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>1542</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>17591</b>
Transfer List	Points	975	496	923	817	733	844	986	576	218	229	6797
	Medical	46	20	40	68	22	29	46	44	11	11	337
	Welfare	53	26	43	28	27	21	41	25	4	7	275
	Other	26	26	38	22	27	18	49	19	9	9	243
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>7652</b>

### Q106. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY

In relation to the proposed development of social housing in Spencer Dock, can the Manager explain the rationale behind housing all the social units in separate blocks from the private units? Can he also confirm the finance allocated for this development and the proposed pumping station?

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:

Dublin Docklands Development Authority certified a Section 25 planning application by Spencer Dock Development Company Limited to build residential blocks, S, T, U, V, M and N at Spencer Dock. Blocks S, T, U and V have been completed and occupied but Blocks M and N have not yet commenced. In accordance with the certified planning permission and as currently designed and amended by subsequent certification Block N is to consist of social and affordable units and Block M of private units. The funding for the social element of the development will be provided out of Dublin City Council's annual allocation from the Social Housing Investment Programme.

Provision of €6.5m has been made in the upcoming capital budget for the Spencer Dock Pumping Station to meet Dublin City Council's obligations under the Development Agreement.

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### **Q107. COUNCILLOR CIERAN PERRY**

Can the Manager request a reply from An Garda Síochána regarding my question to the City Council meeting of 1/3/2010? Q.107 was in relation to:

The amount of fines issued for breach of the HGV exclusion zone in the City Centre,  
The amount of fines paid for breach of the HGV exclusion zone in the City Centre.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Gardaí have been requested to supply this information. The Gardaí are due to respond to the request shortly and the Councillor will be informed in due course.

### **Q108. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the Manager issue a report on the amount of individuals working in community projects associated with Dublin City Council and using DCC community facilities leased to them or otherwise who are working with children in Creches or in afterschool projects or youth work that have been cleared by Garda vetting.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Dublin City Council undertakes to provide a safe environment where the welfare of the child is paramount and adheres to the "Children First" National Document for the Protection and Welfare of Children which was produced by the Department of Health and Children.

The Council's HR Department has procedures in place for Garda vetting of any employee who will be assigned to jobs involving unsupervised access to children and vulnerable adults.

With regard to other individuals or groups who use our various Community Facilities across the city, we have in place guidelines and the various organisations are made aware of these.

There are 40 staff engaged in 12 Centres, all Garda cleared and aware of our Corporate Policy on Child Protection. Staff are also trained in Child Care Protection, via courses organised by Catholic Youth Care.

- (1) St. Laurence O'Toole Centre, Sheriff Street
- (2) Pearse Area Recreation Centre, Pearse Street
- (3) East Wall Recreation Centre, Russell Avenue
- (4) Ventry Park Community Centre
- (5) Hardwicke Street Community Centre
- (6) St. Paul's Community Centre, Blackhall Place
- (7) George's Place Community Centre
- (8) Dominick Street Community Centre
- (9) Donore Avenue Youth and Community Centre
- (10) Darndale and Belcamp Community Centre
- (11) Kilmore Recreation Centre
- (12) Cherry Orchard Recreation Centre

### **Q109. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager issue a report on the numbers of people that have been allocated housing under the title of 'discretionary housing', i.e. those that were moved because of threats to life/ those that were moved under witness protection programmes/ those that were moved by the City Manager under his discretion.

Can the City Manager state categorically if there is such a system in place and what criteria is necessary to avail of it?

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The purpose of this scheme of Letting Priorities is to set out the basis for prioritising the allocation of all City Council rented dwellings to persons whose need for accommodation has been established and the basis for prioritising transfer applications from existing City Council tenants.

In general, housing and transfer applicants will be prioritised having regard to:

- 1) Points awarded under this scheme to housing applicants.
- 2) Points awarded under this scheme to transfer applicants.
- 3) Priority status awarded to applicants for housing or transfer under this scheme.

There is no category to house applicants under the term 'discretionary'. However, on occasion, it is sometimes recognised that a rigid adherence to the Scheme of Letting Priorities would not be the most suitable basis for deciding allocations.

An example would be where the City Council have a development of newly built accommodation and to select all new tenants from the top of the waiting lists may be contrary to good estate management. In the event it is decided to allocate dwellings outside the Scheme, the Area Committee is consulted and agreement is sought before the allocations process commences.

It is also included in the Scheme that existing tenants and residents in a flats complex may be given preference for vacancies in the same complex where this is appropriate. For instance, in large complexes, it may be deemed appropriate that current residents who may not have the highest points can be considered for vacancies within a complex. You could have applicants residing in one bed accommodation that require a two bed unit but other applicants residing outside the complex have higher points. Obviously, it would be inequitable to consistently overlook such applicants within the complex who require larger accommodation so it may be deemed appropriate to allocate a proportion of vacancies to existing residents.

Where the need of accommodation arises from an emergency, the Manager may make a letting to that person as he / she considers necessary to meet that need, notwithstanding the order of priorities for lettings as set out in this Scheme. Examples would be fire or flood emergency where a tenant has to be moved immediately rather than on their points on the transfer list.

Applicants for housing who are subject to threats on their life or witness protection cases are assessed by the Chief Welfare Officer and housed on the basis of Welfare Priority. Such cases are always assessed by the Welfare Section in the first instance rather than a Housing Allocations decision.

While the Scheme of Letting Priorities is the policy document that is used to determine allocations, it is not supposed to be a restrictive policy whereby a rigid adherence to the Scheme would hinder the City Council in making allocations in the interest of good estate management principles and building sustainable communities. As previously stated, no allocation is made on a discretionary basis, rather the City Manager can use discretion when an interpretation of the Scheme of Letting Priorities would be contrary to the principles of an equitable allocations policy or where an inflexible approach would be detrimental to the principles of a good estate management policy.

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All allocations made by the City are recorded on weekly lettings lists which are circulated to all City Councillors. Any Councillor who wishes to make a query regarding any allocation can make direct contact with the Allocations Officer for clarification. Occasionally some Councillors have made contact with the Allocations Section regarding a specific allocation and they have always received a satisfactory explanation that they understood fully.

### **Q110. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager issue a report on the granting of the health and safety certificate for the waterfront plaza area of the Grand Canal Dock. There have been a number of tragic deaths in this area due to drowning.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

As agreed at the recent Area Committee Meeting the South East Area office has written to Waterways Ireland requesting a report on the health and safety issues at this location. The Councillor will be notified when this report is available.

### **Q111. COUNCILLOR MANNIX FLYNN**

Can the City Manager issue a report on the circumstances in which Dublin City Council allowed its DCC logo to be used for the advertisement regarding 'Arthurs Day'. Further can the City Manager investigate the breaches of the planning regulations in relation to the installation of advertising structures around the city to promote the event. The shameless promotion of alcohol as displayed in the Arthurs Day campaign needs to be seriously addressed as it undermines all of the hard work and progress that has been made in relation to the curbing the consumption of alcohol in our youth. It is a major health issue for our country and yet Dublin City Council would appear to be negligent in their duty in allowing the City Councils own branding, logo, to be used in a manner that would bring it into disrepute. I call on the City Manager not only to issue a report but to address this matter verbally in the Council Chambers.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Events Unit gave approval for banners on the public lighting poles and flags on the Liffey poles for Arthur's Day. Advertising on the public lighting poles and Liffey flags is used for promoting art, sport and cultural events. All banners and flags have to have the Dublin City Council logo on them as the public lighting poles and Liffey flagpoles are Dublin City Council property.

The structures and banners relating to 'Arthur's Day' are considered to be exempt under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2010, Schedule 2, Class 37 – *“development consisting of the use of land for any fair, funfair, bazaar or circus or any local event of a religious, cultural, educational, political, social, recreational or sporting character and the placing or maintenance of tents, vans or other temporary or movable structures or objects on the land in connection with such use”*

*And Schedule 2, Part 2, Class 16 – “advertisements announcing any local event of a religious, cultural, educational, political, social, recreational or sporting character, and advertisements relating to any temporary matter in connection with any local event of such a character, not in either case being an event promoted or carried on for commercial purposes”*

It is considered that the structures and advertisements for 'Arthur's Day' fell within these Classes and the conditions and limitations set out in the Regulations.

### **Q112. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RÍORDÁIN**

To ask the Manager the following, **(details supplied)**.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has issued to the Councillor.

### **Q113. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN**

To ask the Manager to outline the following, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

**(Details supplied)**, is currently undergoing an engineering assessment, which will be concluded as soon as possible. This assessment is being carried out to identify the most suitable plan for the **(details supplied)**.

### **Q114. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN**

To ask the Manager to investigate the following, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The provision of traffic calming measures and additional double yellow lines on, **(details supplied)**, will be examined by the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) and a report will be issued to the Councillor.

### **Q115. COUNCILLOR AODHÁN Ó'RIORDÁIN**

To ask the Manager to investigate the following, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q116. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager to outline Dublin City Council's current policy on the Shared Ownership Scheme where the house owner informs the Council that, due to loss of employment/financial difficulties, he/she has moved back to his/her parents and rented out the house which was purchased under the scheme.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A mortgage support unit is in place in the City Council's Loans Section with dedicated staff to advise mortgage holders who are experiencing difficulties in paying their monthly instalments. Contact should be made with this unit by the mortgagee so that the circumstances can be assessed and a plan put in place to give temporary financial relief using some, or all, of the various options open to the Council to help those having trouble with their repayments.

The Council makes every effort to ensure that those who have acquired dwellings under the Shared Ownership Scheme continue to live in their homes, before any other course of action can be considered.

### **Q117. COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager to detail the cost of the recent report by CB Richard Ellis on the impact of bus gate on the economy of the city centre and to further ask the Manager if the cost was reduced given that the authors of the report confirmed that they could not quantify the downturn fully as was requested.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The cost of this report is €26,525 + Vat.

There has been no reduction in the fees as the consultant has undertaken the work as requested but did not receive all the information requested from third parties.

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### Q118. **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager to confirm, whether or not, the Dublin City Centre Business Association submitted a review of Bus Gate in College Green and its Economic Impact on CBD to Dublin City Council.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Dublin City Business Association (DCBA) submitted a document to Dublin City Council entitled "A review of Bus Gate and Economic Activity on CBD" in November 2009 (Item No. 21 on agenda).

### Q119. **COUNCILLOR NIAL RING**

To ask the City Manager if Dublin City Council has confirmed to An Bord Pleanala that it will be making a formal submission at the substantive oral hearing in relation to the Dart Underground project.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

At the preliminary hearing on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, Dublin City Council stated that a formal submission would be made by two representatives of the City Council.

### Q120. **COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to reinstall the dog bin inside Le Fanu Park. I had asked for it to be removed from outside the park as it was unsightly for the people living on Le Fanu Road, it had been removed, but there is now no dog bin in the Park.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

From my discussions with the Area Inspector and the Litter Warden, I have been informed by them that the dog bin was abused by local residents who were depositing household waste in the bin on a daily basis. It is not intended to replace the dog bin inside the park as the cleansing for the area is done at a time when the park gates are not open. The dog bin will not be replaced outside the park for the reason mentioned above.

### Q121. **COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to paint the dressing rooms in Le Fanu Park as they are an eyesore for people living in the area.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

This work will be carried out before the end of the year.

### Q122. **COUNCILLOR LOUISE MINIHAN**

To ask the City Manager to give me the addresses of all the boarded up houses in the SWIC and Ballyfermot and how long they have been left vacant.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Details in relation to vacant dwelling in the South Central Area will be sent directly to Councillor Minihan within two weeks.

### Q123. **COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that the works to re-commence on the completion of the Bluebell Community Facility proceed without delay. The community of Bluebell are awaiting this facility for over 20 years we need now to complete the project and ensure that early in 2011 the centre opens as our delay is causing no end of problems in the Community. The dreams of a community are in our hands.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The City Council hopes to be in a position to sign a contract with a new building contractor within the next two weeks. It is expected that work on site will commence within the next 4 to 6 weeks and will take about 4 months to complete.

### **Q124. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council please look at the T-junction opposite No 144 Old Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin 20 coming into Belgrove Estate and put the following in place to reduce the incidence of cars turning up towards the West County Hotel from Kylemore Road and then turning right into Belgrove at the above location just to avoid traffic queuing from Kylemore Road turning right onto the Old Lucan Road. A traffic island next to No 144 Old Lucan Road at the Belgrove junction would help in addition. Can we investigate putting a kerb outside the side garden of No 144 residents tell me cars are turning here all the time and it is only time before an accident occurs. The entrance coming from the bypass onto the Old Lucan Road needs direction signs on both sides of the road telling people to slow down and stay in their lane as people coming from the by-pass towards Chapelizod sometimes don't understand the road is two way traffic up to the Apartments beside the West County and need to pull in quickly to avoid an accident. A Road Engineer may be needed on site to hear the concerns of neighbours.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The Traffic Department will examine the T-junction opposite 144 Old Lucan Road and report back to the Councillor within a 2 month timeframe. The entrance from the bypass onto the Old Lucan Road is part of the Lucan QBC Enhancements for Lucan Road – Chapelizod Road. The Councillor's comments regarding signage on this road have been passed onto the QBN Project Office for their review and comment.

The Quality Bus Network Project Office has prepared a design for the enhancement of the Lucan QBC at Chapelizod. Bus priority measures will be installed along the section of the Lucan Road referred to in the query. This will include installing new road markings, speed cushions and new footpaths. This will provide clarity to the motorists using the road. In addition the entrance to Belgrove Estate shall be improved with a raised entry treatment on the road all of which will calm the traffic entering the estate.

### **Q125. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager to please have the case of, **(details supplied)**, looked into.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that the applicant, **(details supplied)**, was awarded a Priority under the Exceptional Social Grounds Scheme on the 6/2/2009 for Area J (Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Chapelizod, Inchicore). The applicant, **(details supplied)**, was offered alternative accommodation in Bernard Curtis Court in November 2009, but she declined this offer. The applicant, **(details supplied)**, has expressed a specific interest in a Senior Citizens housing unit in Ballyfermot, the applicant's interest has been noted for this vacancy and her application will be given every consideration.

### **Q126. COUNCILLOR VINCENT JACKSON**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council please look at the graffiti problem at the boundary wall from Rossmore Drive leading onto Le Fanu Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, if the graffiti is removed or repainted over and I am given a tin of the same colour paint I will ensure it remains graffiti free.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The graffiti in question is not of a racist, political or offensive nature but it can be seen from a public place/main road and therefore the graffiti will be removed by Dublin City Council's graffiti contractor on this occasion. The wall in question is the boundary wall of a domestic dwelling and therefore paint will not be supplied. It is the responsibility of the owner of the property to remove graffiti under the 1997 Litter Pollution Act.

### **Q127. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager to support this urgent matter, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The location of Bus stops is a matter for Dublin Bus and the Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council will request Dublin Bus to examine the matter.

### **Q128. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager and Senior Citizens Housing staff to assist this person, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

I can confirm that there is no record of, **(details supplied)**, applying to Dublin City Council's Housing List. He should be advised to contact the Allocations and Transfers Section (tel. 222 2201) as soon as possible in order to progress the matter.

Housing Advisors are also available in the Civic Offices, Monday to Friday, between 9.30am and 4.00pm to discuss housing applications.

However, **(details supplied)**, has been contacted by phone and an appointment has been made for him to call to the North Central Area Housing Office, Kilbarrack to discuss his housing situation.

### **Q129. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager that Dublin City Council calls on the Traffic Department to support this urgent matter, **(details supplied)**.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A Traffic Inspector will investigate at this location within the next 8 weeks and a report will be issued to the Councillor directly.

### **Q130. COUNCILLOR DAMIAN O'FARRELL**

To ask the City Manager to give a full report and update of all Dublin City Council plans for the, **(details supplied)**, including traffic, road works, parks, plans etc.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

A reply has been issued to the Councillor.

### **Q131. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager refer to response received to question 32 of September North Central Area Committee requesting the erection of ornamental poles for hanging baskets and say (1) if relevant data re: costings can be supplied to me and (2) if the Council would consider a proposal for this residents association and seek funding from some special project funding e.g. heritage week funding or similar.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

(i) It is not possible to be specific about costs without taking the locations of any proposed poles into consideration. It would be more practical if the residents were to contact the Public Domain Officer who would be happy to meet them on site. He would then be in a better position to give accurate information.

(ii) The residents group should be advised to apply for a grant when these grants are next advertised.

### **Q132. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please refer to wall which divides area at, **(details supplied)**, which is filthy dirty and which residents which to clean and say:

- (1) in whose ownership is this wall, is it private or City Council property,
- (2) if Dublin City Council could clean/have owners clean/paint or powering wash same,
- (3) if the City Council cannot do the work, what assistance can be given to residents association to clean same.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

- (1) The wall at, **(details supplied)**, is a private wall.
- (2) The upkeep of the wall is the responsibility of the owners of the property.
- (3) No assistance is available to clean private walls. This is the responsibility of the residents.

### **Q133. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please refer to kerb at, **(details supplied)**, which has become detached from path and have same repaired as soon as possible as it is in a dangerous state?

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

Road Maintenance Services Division has inspected this location and identified a section of footpath for repair. This repair has been scheduled for completion within the coming 8-10 weeks.

### **Q134. COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE HENEY**

Can the Manager please arrange to have weeds on roads removed, **(details supplied)**, as they have hugely multiplied due to rain and humidity during the month of September.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

These areas have already been sprayed under the Weed Spraying Programme.

However, there is new growth in locations and we will have to ascertain if there is further funding for a second spray in the area.

### **Q135. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the City Manager to outline the structural/organisational or institutional arrangements are in place to enable Dublin City Council have an input in the implementation of the various Transport 21 proposals for Dublin.

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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

In 2008 the City Council formed an Implementation Group which comprises the appropriate Dublin County Managers, National Transport Authority, the transport companies, the City Centre business associations and the Gardaí. This committee meets on a regular basis to discuss the up to date situation in relation to the projects and issues relating to affected people.

In addition the Council formed a dedicated team to co-ordinate and study the impacts of the Transport 21 projects on the City. This also involves co-ordinating the medium-term activities of utility companies so as to ensure traffic will be kept moving. A Contingency Planning Group and a Communications Strategy Group have also been formed.

### **Q136. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the City Manager if he will formally write to the owners of Fitzwilliam Square confirming the wish of the City Council – as confirmed in the Development Plan discussions – to have the Park transferred to Dublin City Council and to place the response on the agenda of a future meeting of the Council.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

It is an objective of both the current City Development Plan and the Draft City Development Plan “to seek to provide full public access to Fitzwilliam Square Park, and pending the full acquisition of the park for the city, to seek to have it opened on a number of designated ‘Open Days’; Also to seek to provide public access to the Park at Wilton Terrace.

The Manager will formally write to the owner of Fitzwilliam Square in relation to the above objective/draft objective and bring the response to the attention of the City Council.

### **Q137. COUNCILLOR DERMOT LACEY**

To ask the Manager if he could quantify the financial impact of increasing the Parking hourly metre rate from 2.90 Monday to Friday and abolishing the charge totally on Saturdays and Sundays and Saturday and Sunday individually in the high demand inner city area.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPLY:**

The estimated cost of the removal of parking tariffs in the Yellow (Very High Demand) Zone on Saturdays and Sundays is €1.82m per annum. The estimated cost of removing the tariff on Saturdays only is €1.456m and the cost of removing it on Sundays only is €364,000. A ten cent per hour increase in tariff Monday to Friday inclusive would generate an additional €360,000 p.a., a twenty cent increase €720,000 p.a. and a thirty cent increase would generate €1.08m p.a.

The net annual loss to the Council of implementing this proposal for both Saturday and Sunday would therefore be between €1.46m and €0.74m, for Saturdays only between €1.096m and €376,000 and for Sundays only the effect would range between a loss of €4,000 p.a. and an increase in revenue of some €720,000 p.a..

It is likely that the current tariff is very close to the maximum charge before the cost of on-street parking would become a disincentive and that any further increase in week-day charges would lead to a reduction in the number of motorists parking in the city centre during the week and consequent further loss of revenue. The removal of paid parking on Saturdays and Sundays would lead to widespread car commuting on those days by shop workers.

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## LOCAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

#### 30th July to 27th Aug 2010

Balance	Debit		47,370,553
Payments during period		74,258,599	
Receipts during period		81,594,738	
Difference	Credit		-7,336,139
Balance	Debit		<u>40,034,414</u>

#### Reconciliation of Revenue and Capital Income & Expenditure to Payment & Receipts, August 2010

<i>Income</i>	<i>This period</i>	<i>27/08/2010</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>This period</i>	<i>27/08/2010</i>
<b>Total Revenue Income</b>	<b>40,818,878</b>	<b>704,692,989</b>	<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>58,652,623</b>	<b>517,217,456</b>
<b>Total Capital Income</b>	<b>21,924,776</b>	<b>194,806,063</b>	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>12,738,322</b>	<b>179,064,816</b>
<b>Mortgage Discharge</b>	<b>797,554</b>	<b>7,512,574</b>	<b>Shared Ownership Loan Repayment</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,515,648</b>
<b>Movement in debtors</b>	<b>18,053,530</b>	<b>-93,542,075</b>	<b>Movement in Creditors</b>	<b>2,867,654</b>	<b>76,402,430</b>
<b>Receipts during period</b>	<b>81,594,738</b>	<b>813,469,550</b>	<b>Payments during period</b>	<b>74,258,599</b>	<b>801,200,350</b>

<i>Income</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>This period</i>	<i>27/08/2010</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>This period</i>	<i>27/08/2010</i>
<b>Revenue Income</b>				<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>			
RATES & ENTRY YEAR LEVY *	-3.5%	1,418,404	336,974,013	PAYROLL	68.2%	40,005,090	297,045,727
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	23.2%	9,479,115	90,666,767	PLANT HIRE	1.7%	1,004,708	7,622,129
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND	0.0%	-	48,015,000	OTHER	2.7%	1,607,645	13,925,159
PENSIONS levy	3.6%	1,482,322	11,882,381	CONTRIBUTIONS	3.9%	2,283,772	22,006,032
RENT/HEATING CHARGES	16.1%	6,562,034	56,630,593	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	4.7%	2,747,053	21,639,696
WATER & DRAINAGE INCOME	15.7%	6,426,037	42,423,183	RATES	0.1%	36,209	23,423,853
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY	11.3%	4,593,840	39,945,585	GRANTS	0.9%	510,744	13,982,579
PARKING METER FEES & TRAFFIC	8.4%	3,447,419	22,123,715	WASTE DISPOSAL	1.7%	980,824	7,741,030
OTHER INCOME	5.9%	2,422,910	20,157,892	BORROWINGS REPAYMENTS	0.4%	257,993	12,223,293
WASTE CHARGES	12.6%	5,155,907	12,972,663	INSURANCE/CLAIMS	1.1%	654,652	9,997,045
ROADS CONTROL INCOME	0.3%	103,775	958,472	RAS COSTS	2.1%	1,228,422	9,991,751
NPPR INCOME	3.4%	1,382,568	12,493,657	FEES, CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.5%	312,812	10,213,892
SUPERANNUATION	2.9%	1,181,357	9,449,068	CLAMPING	1.3%	738,835	6,535,693
<b>Total Revenue Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>40,818,878</b>	<b>704,692,989</b>	RENT	0.4%	246,879	4,001,655
				COMMUNICATIONS COSTS	0.6%	377,312	3,675,012
				COMPUTER COSTS	0.6%	324,547	4,476,023
				CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER BODIES	0.0%	19,485	256,492
				ENERGY COSTS	2.0%	1,153,187	9,719,314
				FINANCIAL EXPENSES	0.5%	295,424	8,273,418
				POSTAGE PRINTING & STATIONERY	0.4%	229,385	2,354,250
				PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	2.8%	1,656,227	14,956,728
				REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2.6%	1,545,931	9,815,824
				SECURITY	0.7%	435,490	3,340,865
				<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>58,652,623</b>	<b>517,217,456</b>

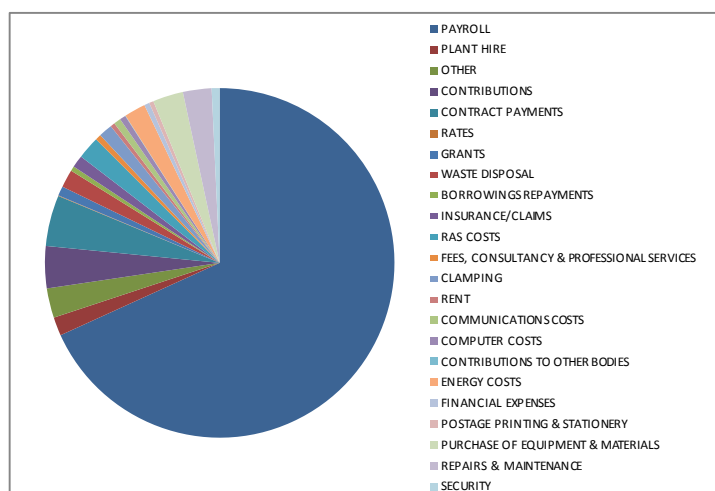
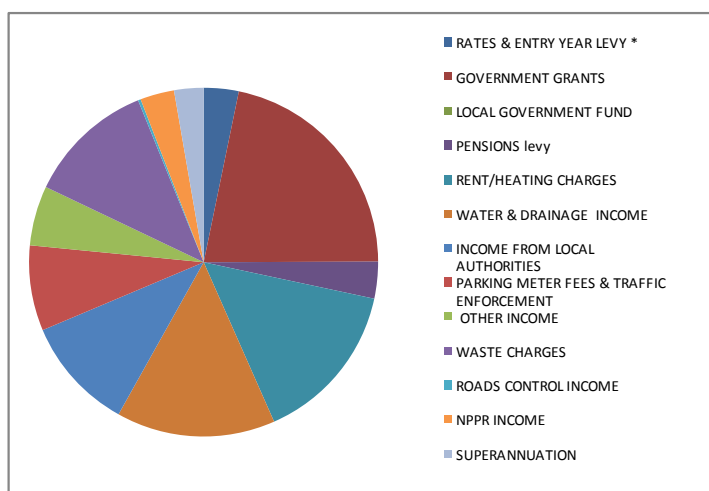
Income From Government Grants of €9.5m includes Income from VEC Recoupment €3.8m.

HEGS Grants 0.73m, Grants for Water Services €1.23m, Homeless Policy €2.45m, NRA €0.87m.

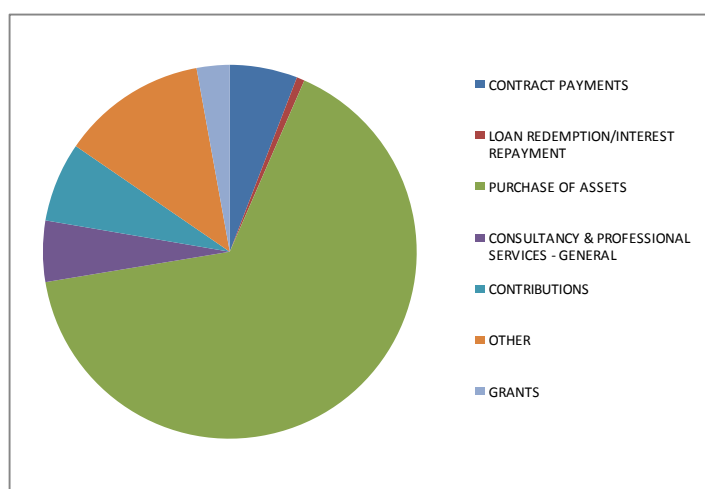
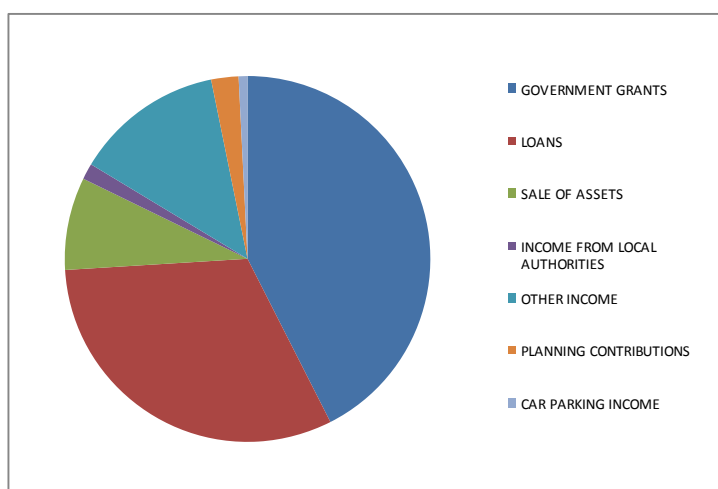
Negative Income for Rates of €1.42m is due to write-offs and vacancy refunds.

Annual Rates Income is billed in January of each year.

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Capital Income	%	This period	27/08/2010	Capital Expenditure	%	This period	27/08/2010
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	43.8%	9,593,588	130,443,165	CONTRACT PAYMENTS	5.9%	745,240	81,341,807
LOANS	32.4%	7,109,415	47,195,682	LOAN REDEMPTION/INTEREST REPAYMENT	0.7%	85,381	34,972,232
SALE OF ASSETS	8.4%	1,849,019	8,411,781	PURCHASE OF ASSETS	65.9%	8,390,435	22,010,414
INCOME FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES	-1.4%	- 317,802	- 15,696,985	CONSULTANCY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	5.3%	674,665	12,360,414
OTHER INCOME	13.5%	2,965,772	15,066,903	CONTRIBUTIONS	6.9%	878,112	13,563,664
PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS	2.5%	547,369	5,108,369	OTHER	12.6%	1,600,634	11,822,293
CAR PARKING INCOME	0.8%	177,414	4,277,148	GRANTS	2.9%	363,855	2,993,992
<b>Total Capital Income</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,924,776</b>	<b>194,806,063</b>	<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,738,322</b>	<b>179,064,816</b>



Capital Grants of €9.6m relate to Housing Projects €7.4m and Dublin Bay Project €2.2m.

Negative Income under Income From Local Authorities relates to a Capital to Revenue Transfer regarding Eastern River Basin District Study

### MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME (August 2010)

	Housing Rents	Domestic Refuse	Metered Water	Rates
<b>Debtor as @ 1/01/2010</b>	<b>19,526,762</b>	<b>19,566,287</b>	<b>23,215,804</b>	<b>44,455,944</b>
Income Raised	48,296,756	6,836,680	15,523,791	336,974,016
Receipts	48,108,600	11,659,149	16,029,909	218,807,184
Bad Debts	-	-	1,828,537	4,340,766
<b>Debtor as @ 27/08/2010</b>	<b>19,714,918</b>	<b>14,743,818</b>	<b>20,881,149</b>	<b>158,282,010</b>
% Collection	70.93%	44.16%	43.43%	58.03%

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